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WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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## Champions Feted By Their Home Town

Presenting Flowers To The Champs



Clifford Good, Superintendent of Schools, with the microphone, is congratulating Janet Backman, left, and Jean Ashworth, as Dean Cushing, Town Manager, and Larz Neilson, far right, look on.

To the measured cadence and stirring music of the Wilmington High School Band, to the blowing of the Town Fire Whistle, Sirens and Bells, and to the cheering of hundreds of Wilmington's citizens and School Children, Janet Backman, Jean Ashworth and Leon Backman came home to a well deserved triumph, after winning North American Championships, at Lansing, Michigan.

Wilmington's Champions arrived at the junction of Main and Lowell Street at about one o'clock Monday afternoon, having driven out from South Station, Boston. Here they were greeted by Wilmington's Police Cruiser, and the Mack Fire Truck.

The two young ladies were given seats of honor, on the Fire Truck, and the Misses Beatrice Boyd, Elaine Christopher and Elinor Donahue provided a beautiful

Guard of Honor as the party rolled into Wilmington Square.

At the Square, the Wilmington High School Band, with Harold MacDonnell leading swung into line, with a zest and vigor entirely fitting for the occasion. Preceding the Band were the high strutting shapely Cheer Leaders, of Wilmington High School, dressed attractively in their short skirted uniforms.

Down Church Street, to Wilmington Common the procession proudly marched, growing in length as Wilmington's citizens applauded.

On the Common, a platform truck, belonging to Gus Detato, had been drawn up to use as a platform.

Amidst a crowd of hundreds of people, the homecoming Champions were escorted to the platform by the Master of Ceremonies, Larz Neilson. In a brief talk the MC recited the victories of each of Wilmington's Champions.

Town Manager Dean Cushing presented Janet Backman, pretty High School Senior, who celebrated her 19th birthday the day before, with a large bouquet of flowers. Janet is the newly crowned Champion in the North American Senior Woman's Division, Half-Mile Race. She established a new American Record by skating half a mile in 1 minute and 32.5 seconds, at Lansing, Michigan, on Saturday. The previous record was 1-33.8.

Janet also won the 440 yard and the three-quarter mile races, the same night.

Jean Ashworth, honey blonde, Continued on Page 4

## All Faiths To Participate In Breaking Ground Sunday For Congregational Church

The breaking of the ground, for the new Parish House, which is scheduled to be held outside the Congregational Church at 12 noon, next Sunday is to be a demonstration of the Brotherhood of Faith.

As the result of some of the Jewish members of Wilmington's community asking if they would be able to participate, the Minister of the Congregational Church, the Rev. Stanley Cummings, has extended an invitation to the Clergy-men of all the Churches in Wilmington, to be present. So far, Mr. Albert Kaufman, President of the Synagogue, and Rev. Albert Shea, Pastor of St. Thomas Parish have both replied and stated that they would be present for the ceremony of breaking the ground. Rev. Otis Maxfield was unable to give an immediate reply, but has indicated that he will be present, and an invitation has been extended to the Rev. Mr. Hesse of the Forest Street Congregational Church. The Board of Selectmen has also been invited for the ceremony.

A long cherished dream of the members of the Congregational Church is about to come true. For several years it has been recognized that the present church plant is inadequate for the work which is now being done, and as a result of a financial campaign a year ago sufficient funds were pledged to warrant the construction of a parish house. This building, adjoining the sanctuary and extending directly to the rear, is about to go up.

The present needs of the church will only be partially met by the additional space. Indications are that further building will have to be undertaken in the not too distant future, in view of the rapid growth of population in Wilmington, a growth which shows no signs of diminishing. As revealed in a recent report by the Town Manager, this community ranks fifth among 83 towns and cities in the metropolitan area in its rate of increase. But the new parish house will help materially to relieve the pressure.

Ground-breaking ceremonies will take place next Sunday, April 6th, when the congregation will proceed out doors following the morning service and gather at the rear of the church, the site of the new building. Arrangements for the ceremony have been placed by the general parish house committee in the hands of chairman of the parish house committee, as the person to turn up the first shovel of earth. The selection of Mrs. Nichols will meet with enthusiastic approval, not only because of her official position, but because there is no one who has worked more whole-heartily through the years to bring this event to pass.

An invitation has been extended to the pastors of the other religious groups of Wilmington to be present and have a share in the ground-breaking, and all persons who are not occupied with their own religious appointments, at that

hour, at 12 noon on Saturday, will be cordially welcome. Because of the nature of this event, the exercises will be held rain or shine, with such modifications as may be required by the weather.

### PERMITS ARE NECESSARY FOR OUTDOOR FIRES

Arthur Boudreau, Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department, in an interview with the Crusader reporter, Monday, reminded the people of Wilmington that permits are now necessary, for an Outdoor Fire. "The fire record, in Wilmington, during the last week, has been terrific," said the Chief. "Fortunately we have been able to put out every fire without any serious damage. Grass fires can easily get away. Incinerators should have a cover. A stray spark can cause a lot of damage. If you want to burn something, call Wilmington 421 and make sure that it is safe."

### CHILDREN'S IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

An Immunization Clinic, providing against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is being provided for the children of Wilmington by the Wilmington Board of Health.

Open to all children, between the ages of three months and 8 years, the Clinic will provide free protection against these childhood diseases. There will be absolutely no charge. All mothers are urged to bring their children.

The Clinic will be held in the nova Hall, on Tuesday, April 2nd, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### BOSTON POST TO FEATURE WILMINGTON SKATERS

The Boston Sunday Post has prepared an extensive article, for its next Sunday edition, with complete stories, so we are told, about the Champion Skaters of the Wilmington Skating Club. Their reporters were in Wilmington, this week and we are told that plenty of photographs were taken, to cover the story.

### TOWN FLAGS AT HALF MAST

The Flags of the Town of Wilmington are flying at half mast all this week, in respect to Antonio Gagnon, of Lake Street, who the War Department has listed as Killed in Action, in Korea.

Gagnon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gagnon, was reported missing in action on July 16, at the time that his outfit was holding the attacks of the North Korean forces, in desperate rear guard actions.

A Wilmington boy, who attended the local schools, he is survived by his parents, and six brothers and four sisters.

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### YOU CAN'T BEAT JEAN

Jean Ashworth, the pretty eighth grader who has won eternal fame in Lansing, Michigan, is really one of the world's most remarkable skaters. A girl of 13 years, she is in the Juvenile class, which includes all girls from 12 to 14 years old.

During the races in Lansing, Jean set a new record for the 440 yard race, Juvenile Division, skating the distance in 46.6 seconds. She set a new record in the 220 yard race, of 13.6 seconds, the old record being 25.7 seconds. And, in the half mile race, which is, to Juveniles, a new race, never run before, Jean established a record which probably will not be broken for a long long time. Jean skated half a mile in 1 minute 23.7 seconds, which is equal to the record set in the Intermediate Class, for girls of 16 to 18 years of age.

Jean has never been beaten, at any time, in any race, in the last two years.

### WILMINGTON SKATING CLUB TO RACE TWICE THIS WEEK

The last two races of the season, in which the Wilmington Skating Club will take part, will be in Lynn, for the North Shore Championships, on Saturday, and in Boston, for the Massachusetts State Indoor Championships on Sunday.

There are seven other members of the Skating Club, besides Janet, Jean and Leon, who are registered with the National Skating Association, and all ten of these members will be in both competitions.

In Lynn, the meet will be on Boston Street, at the North Shore Sports Center, at 7 p.m. Saturday.

In Boston, the last event of the season, will be at the Boston Skating Club Rink, on Soldiers Field, Brighton, at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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### REMEDIAL READING AND WILMINGTON SCHOOLS

Wilmington, in common with many of its neighboring towns, has for some time, had a condition of genteel poverty. Like its neighbors, the town has had to skimp, to the dissatisfaction of some of her citizens.

One way in which Wilmington has skimmed is in her schools. Instead of the optimum number of 30 pupils to a classroom, Wilmington has been having 40 and 50 pupils to a class. The result has been that many of the poorer scholars have fallen by the wayside, and the general educational level of the town has suffered.

Children, for instance, who should have been going into the eighth grade, have found themselves deficient in studies which should have been assimilated in the fourth or fifth grade, and which over-harassed teachers were unable to catch, in time. The result is that many pupils dropped from school, with perhaps, an easing of the tax-payers burden, if not his conscience.

We have a remedial class, today, in our schools, and we have had one for several years. Children who were backward, not because of their lack of intelligence, but rather because no one had taken the time to teach them the proper way of reading, are now forging to the head of their classes.

The money spent by the taxpayer is beginning to show results.

Miss Boutelier, the Remedial Teacher, is a person of very high attainments, and is performing a miracle in the class rooms.

We are fortunate in having a person of her caliber in our schools.

### THE PTA OPEN HOUSE

We took advantage of the PTA - Public Schools Open House to visit the Junior High School, the other night.

We must say that we found everything to be in a beautiful condition. All of the teachers were very cordial, and helpful. Each of the rooms had a "room mother" in attendance, and these ladies were very attentive and gracious.

It must have been a pleasure, and an education, for the parents who visited the Junior High School, that evening.

### THE TOWN OFFICIALS OR WHOSE MONEY IS IT ANYWAY?

We happened to notice that the Reading Chronicle, on March 27, 1952, carried an advertisement from the Board of Registrars, of the Town of Reading. They had an official advertisement in the papers, about Registration of Voters. Other papers, in the county too, have similar advertisements. There have been none for Wilmington.

Let us state right here that we are not finding fault with our Board of Registrars. We think that they are fine men, and it is entirely possible that these gentlemen have never considered the possibilities of legal advertisements. However, we would like to ask a question. Why do other town put legal ads in their papers on this particular subject? Are they throwing away town funds, or is there a good reason behind their move?

Now let us say a few words about some of our other officials. There is an out of town paper which enjoys some circulation in this town, in which officials place legal ads from time to time. This is a deliberate policy on their part. In the case of one group, their avowed policy is to put ads "in both papers." Yet from time to time, citizens of this town who read both papers have brought to our attention the fact that ads from this particular Board had appeared in the out of town paper, and not in ours.

There is another Board, which has an avowed policy of putting one ad in the Crusader, and the next ad in the out of town paper, "in order to be fair."

Who do they think they are kidding?

The Wilmington Crusader enjoys a good circulation in this town. We know. We can prove it. The Wilmington Crusader sells a large number of copies on the news stands, every week. The paper sells, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL AND VOLITION GO IN THE STORES AND BUY IT. They are not coerced into buying on the hope of winning a large prize. They buy the Crusader for one reason only.—They want to read the TOWN NEWS, and the Crusader provides that very thing.

Let this out of town paper prove that it can sell, in Wilmington, on the newsstands.

The Wilmington Crusader, in addition, has a large subscription list. We sell many papers in this manner, far more than we sell on the newsstands.

It costs a local citizen \$2.50 a year to read the Crusader. It would cost him more than \$22.50 a year to read every issue of the out of town paper. The difference is over \$20.00, or, let us say two pairs of shoes. How many families would like to have two extra pair of shoes in a year?

A public notice is an official notice, from the town, paid for by taxpayers money, in order that the people of the town may be apprised of a certain situation. The taxpayers do not pay their money in order to tell the people of some other town. They pay their money in order to tell the people of Wilmington. It costs more to put legal ads in out of town papers. That money is not theirs. It is the property of the taxpayers. By their actions in advertising in out of town papers, our officials are taking the money of the taxpayers to make him spend

an extra \$20.00 a year. Just to find out what he is supposed to know. That is what it amounts to. WHOSE MONEY IS IT, ANYWAY?

There is another angle. There are several firms which have invested money in this town in the last year. Several advertisements, concerning these firms have appeared in this out of town paper, and have not been in the Crusader.

At the present time, in an adjoining town, there is a lawsuit, involving just this principal. A certain board advertised in an out of town paper, on a certain legal case, and now suit has been brought on that very point. One of the attorneys in the case stated that it looks as though the Town will be held responsible.

Our Boards by refusing to advertise in the Crusader, are jeopardizing these new firms. Perhaps the jeopardy is more apparent than real, but, the lawyer of whom we have spoken does not think so.

Pardon us, if we seem peeved, but we think that the Town should know these facts.

### "RIGHT IN FRONT OF THOSE VERY STEPS"

Some months ago, your correspondent attended a dinner, at which the speaker was an Inspector, from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The speaker told his audience about the various violations of the law, in which he had caught some motorists. His manner, it seemed to your correspondent, was a little on the rude side.

One particular story, which this gentleman related with relish, was how he had stood on the steps of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and caught motorists breaking the law. Right on the very steps!

Last Friday your correspondent was in Boston, and, about 10:30 a.m. he had occasion to walk past the Registry of Motor Vehicles. So, he too, stood on those very steps, and looked around, for motorists violating the law.

Every parking space, along Nashua Street, on both sides, was occupied by a car bearing the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There was one exception, in front of the Registry, and that car had painted on it "City of Boston-Police Department-Traffic". Every traffic parking meter, on both sides of the street, with one exception had the red "violation" flag up. For only one of those cars, had someone put a nickle into the meter.

There was another car, about which it could not be said that somebody owed the meter money. It was parked just ahead of the Police Car, and had a very low number, preceded by the letter S. It was right in front of those very steps, and right beside it was a hydrant.

### RURAL MAIL BOX IMPROVEMENT WEEK COMING

The Post Office Department has designated the week ending May 3, 1952, as Rural Mail Box Improvement Week.

Rural mail boxes which are properly erected, or which are not in good condition retard the delivery of mail, and expose it to damage from the elements.

The Post Office desires to encourage patrons of rural routes to provide suitable mail receptacles, and to erect them in such a manner so they will be readily accessible to the carrier, and neat in appearance.

It is especially desirable that the boxes be maintained in a condition that will assure proper protection to mail placed therein, that the names of box owners be inscribed on the side of the boxes, visible to the carrier as he approaches them, and that the boxes and their support be kept painted. Patrons who have unapproved boxes of top-opening, revolving-door, or other type are not required to discard them, provided the boxes have been in use by the present owners for several years and are maintained in good, servicable condition. Any boxes not of the present standard type which are of such design that they cannot be properly served by the carrier from his vehicle, or are not such as to protect the mail should be replaced by approved types. Boxes, of course, should be of such design and condition that there will be no likelihood of the carrier's being injured when serving them.

The proper side of the road, for boxes, is on the right hand side of the carrier's route.

How is your mail box?

### MOORE—CARPENTER

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Moore announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara J. to Paul N. Carpenter, son of Mr. Frank Carpenter and the late Mrs. M. Carpenter on Friday, March 14, at her home on Westdale Avenue.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a blue and white check suit, with navy accessories, a corsage of red roses. Maid of Honor was Miss Virginia McGuire of Boston, cousin of the bride, attired in a blue suit with navy accessories and a corsage of yellow and white roses. Best Man was Edward Carpenter, brother of the groom. A reception followed. Guests were present from Boston, Somerville, Cambridge, Quincy, Reading, Tewksbury and Wilmington.

The bride is a graduate of Wilmington High school class of 1948 and is at present employed at Simplex Wire & Cable Co., in Cambridge. The groom is a graduate of Wilmington High School, class of 1949.

After a honeymoon trip the couple will reside at Westdale Avenue. Mr. Carpenter will report for active duty in the U.S. Navy.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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The Wilmington Fire Department was called 16 times during the four sunny days of the last week end, to put out grass and brush



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March 26th, 5:45 p.m. grass fire at Sullivan's, Middlesex Avenue, North Wilmington; 8:20 p.m. small fire in the Finley home on Burlington Avenue. No damage.

March 27th, 2:27 p.m. brush fire on Grove Street. 2:40 p.m. brush fire at Marshall's on Westdale Avenue. 3:30 p.m. brush fire at Giglio's on Ballardvale Road.

March 28th. A brush fire at Sousa's on Burnay Street. 1:00 p.m. a brush fire at Maynard's on Grant Street.

March 29th. 9:35 a.m. a grass fire at Asrenault's on Taplin Avenue. 10:45 a.m. a grass fire on Marion Street. 2:30 p.m. A grass fire at Joe Gray's on Eames Street.

March 30th. 10:15 a.m. A grass fire on Sherwood Road. 10:25 a.m. A grass fire on Forest Street. At 10:45 a.m. a grass fire on Marjorie Road. 12:05 p.m. a grass fire at Heller's on Silver Lake Road. 9:13 p.m. a service call at Bousefields, on Aldrich Road.

### WILMINGTON BUILDING PERMITS

Raymond T. Parsons, Suncrest Road, dwelling, \$8,000.

John R. Irwin, Lot 29, Glendale Circle, dwelling, \$9,000.

E.V. DeAvella, Oakdale Road, Garage, \$950.

John Gould, Oakridge Circle, dwelling, \$6,000.

Harold E. Trainor, Harris Street, (Federal Gardens) addition, \$1,000.

Melvin J. Rawson, Oakdale Road, dwelling, \$5,000.

### WITH PATROL SQUADRON

Lt. (jg) Harold R. Hitchcock, USN, son of Mrs. Eva M. Hitchcock, of 164 West Street, Wilmington, has been serving with Patrol Squadron 45 which participated in recent convoy exercises off the east coast of the United States.

Known as Convex 3, the maneuvers are an exercise in the protection of merchant shipping under wartime conditions.

Navy transports, tankers, and cargo ships sailed from east coast ports and were opposed by so-called enemy forces of submarines, surface raiders and squadrons of land-based patrol bombers.

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Motion pictures of the company's 1949 and 1950 banquets were reviewed, with Bill Coleman, radio personality of WEEI and a Grossman road salesman in the Boston area, doing a running commentary highlighting the company's various personalities. An old time "tear jerker" pantomime, directed by Jenny Haddad, and skillfully executed by Jo Ford, Violet Buscemi, Newton Drew and "Leaping Louis" Lubarsky of baseball fame—rocked the audience with laughter.

Reuben Grossman, Chairman of the Board, responded to requests for a speech. Reuben, just back from Florida, sporting a big smile and a nice sun-tan, confined his remarks to words of welcome to his big "Grossman family of employees"—and extended to the department heads his best wishes for the success of the "March of Values" event. Delivered in his usual dynamic and humorous manner, Reuben's remarks met with a big burst of applause.

In a more serious vein, Sidney Grossman, president of the firm, recalled the more than twenty years which the company has been celebrating this "March of Values" event. He pointed out that, through the enormous buying power of the company's 17 stores, and the great effort expended by the firm during the past several months to procure quality merchandise at the lowest possible prices, this year's sale offers some of the greatest values in the firm's history. From coast to coast, he revealed, the Grossman purchasing department has been making sensational purchases, including many job lots, to make this year's "March of Values" a

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**UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION  
(Robbery, Attempted Murder, and Assault)****DESCRIPTION**

Age 24, born November 30, 1927, Clay County, Mo.; height, 6 feet 1 inch; weight, 175 to 185 pounds; build, medium, athletic; hair, brown, wavy; eyes, brown; complexion, ruddy; race, white; nationality, American; occupations, fireman, fisherman, railway switchman, truck driver; scars and marks—scar on point of chin, 1/2-inch oblique scar on second joint of left index finger rear, 1/4-inch oblique scar on back of left index finger, 1/4-inch oblique scar above inner point of right eye, 1/2-inch horizontal scar above inner point of left eye, three 1/4-inch scars under chin, cartilage removed from tip of nose, dim cut scar on left side of forehead, 1/2-inch scar on right thumb, 1-inch scar on left knee, 1/2-inch scar on right elbow, bullet wound high on left shoulder; remarks—jaw has been broken and was wired, may be crooked; appears extremely nervous.

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

Bent has been convicted for armed robbery.

**CAUTION**

Bent is armed and extremely dangerous. Bent has escaped from

confinement, he has fired at officers seeking his arrest and has run through road blocks at excessive speed.

Complaints were filed before U. S. Commissioners at San Diego, Calif., and Cincinnati, Ohio, on March 20, 1950, and November 9, 1950, respectively, charging subject with violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, section 1073, in that he fled from the State of California to avoid prosecution for armed robbery and attempted murder and from the State of Ohio to avoid prosecution for robbery. An indictment was returned by a Federal grand jury at Cheyenne, Wyo., May 9, 1950, charging subject with a violation of the same statute in that he fled from the State of Wyoming to avoid prosecution for assault with intent to murder.

Any person having information which may assist in locating this individual is requested to immediately notify the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the first page of the local telephone directory.

record-smashing event. He especially emphasized the fact that New England home owners, anxious to repair or improve their properties, would realize gigantic savings by purchasing the needed materials during this great sale. Even those home owners not planning immediate improvements would do well, he stated, to anticipate their future needs and buy supplies now—for values such as these are not an everyday occurrence.

Sidney extended special greetings to all the branch managers—every one of whom, in line with Grossman's established policy, has come up through the ranks.

Charles Seigal, supervisor of the Grossman branches, outlined the various contests open to employees during this event—with clothing prizes offered to all winning personnel in every department of every branch.

Brief speeches were also made by Jacob, Joseph B. and Mike Grossman. The buffet supper was served by Mel Silver, Frank Morrisroe, Morris Gaynor, and four Grossmans: Joseph B., Mike, Morton and Everett. Paul Bauer of the Quincy sales staff was master of ceremonies, ably assisted by Charles Seigal, supervisor of branches.

Door prizes were awarded to: Harry Scotch, Mrs. Harry Sherad, Mike Ruscio, Tom Johnson, Mrs. Nathan Belt, Joseph Sills, Mrs. Newton Drew, Eleanor Osborne, Joseph Greeley, Ethel LaRoque, Beverly Byrne and Ruth Hughes.

With a good orchestra on hand, the gala evening was concluded with a session of dancing.

**BUILDING MATERIALS**

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**TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing, in the Town Hall at Wilmington, at 8 p.m. on April 9, 1952 on the appeal of Millard C. Pipes for permit for the removal and sale of the contents of three hills, on his property, on Chestnut Street.

(s) Carl C. Heldman, Secy.  
Board of Appeals

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**CHAMPIONS FETED**

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eighth grade student, of Church Street, won the North American Juvenile Girls Championship for 22 yards and set a new record of

23.6 seconds, to better the old mark of 25.7, at the same time. The half mile race also fell to Jean, in 1 minute and 35.7 seconds.

Leon Backman, former Midget North American Champion competed in the Junior Boys Division,

and came in second in the mile race, behind the record breaking speed of Jay Hasbrouck, of Brooklyn, New York.

Clifford Good, Superintendent of Schools presented a corsage to Jean which was accepted very gracefully by the young lady.

George Spanos, the unofficial Mayor of Wilmington was next to come to the platform to congratulate Leon, and present him with a sweater, from the people of Wilmington.

Mrs. Carl Backman and Mrs. Raymond Ashworth, the mother of our Champs, were presented, and thanked for their many untiring efforts.

Francis Farrell, Quartermaster of the Nee-Ellsworth Post, V.F.W. spoke briefly, congratulating the Backmans and the Ashworths.

Barnard McMahon, High School Principal, and Past Commander of American Legion Post, 136, also spoke briefly, and told of his pride, in his students.

Guy Nichols, president of the Wilmington Rotary Club, which has helped to finance this last trip, also congratulated Wilmington's Champions.

It was a glorious day for Wilmington.

**BOY SCOUTS PLAN CAMPING TRIP**

The Boy Scouts of Troop I and II of Wilmington are planning a camping trip, perhaps for three days, for sometime in April, during the spring vacation, if possible. The purpose of the trip is to get the boys in shape for the annual Camporee, which is to be in May. Another purpose is to get some of the necessary work done at the Camp, work which must be done at the troop and patrol sites.

It is expected that quite a few of the Scouts will take advantage of the chance, to pass achievement tests, at the same time.

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**THE SCOUT MEETING**

Troops I and II held their regular meeting last Friday, in the Junior High School. The opening and closing ceremonies were in charge of the Racoon Patrol, in charge of SPL Pellerin. The Patrol dressed like Indians, marched into an artificial fire, in the middle of the room. Behind the fire were the flags of the troop, and, to the beating of tom-toms, the patrol seated itself around the fire for an old fashioned Indian Pow-Wow, in a ceremonious style which im-

pressed all the on lookers.

About 60 scouts were present. The project for the evening was knife and hatchet work, under the leadership of SPL Richard Pellerin.

**STOLEN WRIST WATCH**

A wrist watch, with an expandable band and the name Fred Pearson engraved on the back, was reported to have been stolen from the car of Fred Pearson, while it was parked in his yard, during the night of March 25th. The watch was valued at \$50.00.

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print every one that doesn't threaten to involve us in libel suits, and is otherwise in good taste.

We realize that the library could be better, gentle reader. We are one of the most avid users of our library. We also know the state of the town's pocketbook. Does any one else have any comment? We are firmly of the opinion that our librarian is very capable, and intend that this be no reflection upon her. Perhaps the writer of this letter did not see the library, a few years ago, before it was improved to its present state.

### HERBERT W. PICKERING VISITS COLEMAN IN KANSAS

WICHITA, KANS.—Herbert W. Pickering, owner of the Wilmington Plumbing and Heating Supply Company, Wilmington, attended a heating and air conditioning school offered by the Coleman Company, Inc.

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### FRANCIS HARDEN

Francis E. Harden of Cook Avenue, is a patient in the Lowell General Hospital.

### ANNUAL SPRING SALE - LBS

The Center Branch of the Ladies Benevolent Society will hold its Annual Spring Sale, at the home of Dr. Hosmer, on Friday, April 4th between 2 and 5 p.m.

Home cooked foods, aprons, and fancy articles will be offered for sale.

### RAVEN PATROL

Raven Patrol met on March 25, at the home of Roger Trow. Patrol members present were: Tommy McAndrew, Bobby and Francis Maszynski, Billy and David Bibby, Harold Lee, Roger Trow, Robert Sweet, Arlington Marr, Sammy and Richard Cavallaro, and Tommy O'Connor, with guests SPL Bob Boyd, ASM Walter Rogers, and PLS Billy Rosa and Anthony Pupa. Quartermaster Bob Kaszynski and Quartermaster Roger Trow spoke on their duties, and there was an exhibit of woodcraft work. Thomas McAndrew exhibited a bird house, Bobby Kaszynski a sign, made of wood and rope, and Francis Maszynski a bookcase, with a fish design. Next weeks project will be the craft.

The patrol's first anniversary was celebrated, and a farewell party was given to Tommy O'Connor, who is leaving Wilmington. He was presented with a Scout Knife, by the Patrol.

The meeting closed with the Scout Oath. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Trow and Sammy Cavallaro.

Thomas E. McAndrew, reporter.

### ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDITORS

At a special meeting of the Wilmington Junior High School held Tuesday afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Florence Liston, principal, the Board of Editors of the Junior High Star were elected:

### BOARD OF EDITORS

Editor-in-Chief, Barbara Odiorne; Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Sally Higginbotham; Feature Editor, Georgianna Parks; Literary Editor, Malcolm Jones; Business Manager, John Babine; Social Editor, Linda Cooke; Sports Editor, Allen Hancock - Richard Moore; Fashion Editor, Lois Hinxman; Music Editor, Sandra Harris; Exchange Editor, Christine Curtin; Photography Editor, Dorothy Kelly and Becky Emery; Cartoonist, Richard Danico and James Gass.

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### ADVISORY BOARD

Wilmington Junior High Teachers.

### FACULTY ADVISORS

Mrs. Florence Liston, principal. The principal and teachers of the Junior High School wish to congratulate the following pupils who have had perfect attendance for the month of February.

Mrs. Liston—Thomas Grinley, Allen Hancock, John Hartnett, Richard Harnish, Francis Kaszynski, Albert Kitchener, James Lawrence, James Marsi, Richard Moore, Sandra Harris, Sally Higginbotham, Patricia Leonard, Maureen McKenna, Lavinia Melzar, Joan Molway, Mary Morse, Pauline Moriarty, Barbara Odiorne, Christine Paige, Georgianna Parks.

Mrs. Mogan—Henry Chisholm, Edward DeAngelos, Fred Fissette, James Follomon, Elizabeth Fina, Sandra Fiske, Rita Gatta, Carmel Gillis, June Goss.

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Mrs. Durgin—Paula Blanchard, Sheila Stiles, Robert Anderson, Joseph Casey, Robert Etsell, Shirley Marshall, Keith Marshall, Nicky DeFelice and Grant Sanborn.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS PEACE RALLY MAY 1

The Massachusetts Catholic Daughters of America will hold a Peace Rally and Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursday evening, May 1 at 7:30 P.M. in the Boston Arena. Miss Catherine A. Dwyer of South Boston, State Regent of the organization, has named as chairman, Miss Marguerite Burke of Lowell, assisted by Mrs. J. Edward Baker of Hyde Park and Miss Alma Alberghini of Burlington, co-chairmen, and a committee composed of the Grand Regents and District Deputies of the 62 courts in Massachusetts. To properly seat the 7500 women attending, Miss Dwyer has requested the following Grand Regents to provide the com-

mittee with a corps of ushers on May 1: Miss Alice Keener, Cambridge; Mrs. Augusta Snow, West Kosbury; Mrs. Jeannette Courtemanche, Methuen; Mrs. Gertrude Keaveney, Brookline; Miss Beatrice Powell, Maiden; Mrs. Margaret Drumney, Wapewick; Mrs. Mildred Boynton, Westwood; Mrs. Katherine O'Rourke, Millis; Mrs. Frances Duggan, Dorchester; Mrs. Mildred Cavanaugh, Newton; and Mrs. Dorothea Dunphy, Brighton.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, State Chaplain, will be principal speaker at this event. His talk will be preceded by a Eucharistic Procession in which all local court chaplains of the state and the monsignori will participate with His Excellency. At the conclusion of the evening's activities, the Archbishop will pontificate at solemn Benediction.

This rally has been planned to show the belief of this organization in the power of prayer and the love of God to overcome the hatred and cruelty of atheistic communism which denies to the people under its dominion the fundamental rights of man. It is hoped that such prayers of intercession to the Blessed Virgin Mary will bring peace to the world.

### RACCOON PATROL NEWS

The weekly meeting of the Raccoon Patrol was held on Wednesday, March 26th, at the home of Billy Rosa, the patrol leader. The following scouts were present:

William Rosa, William Finney, James Coombs, Caton Monteiro, Anthony Pupa, Andrew Pupa and Anthony Marmiani.

The main part of the meeting was spent in making tom-toms for the troop meeting, which is held at the Junior High School.

William Finney

Reporter.

### LOUIE SEZ

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### HOLY NAME

### BOWLING TEAM—23rd WEEK

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Bees	62	30	35915
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670 x 19	\$12.35	\$8.26
710 x 19	\$13.01	\$8.51
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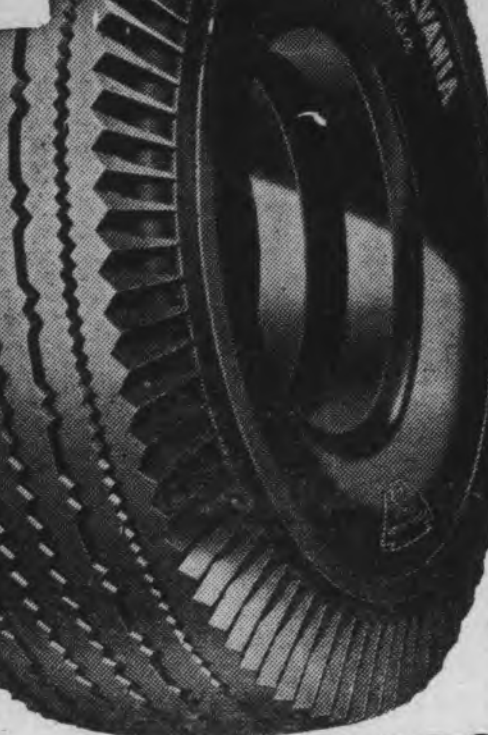
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710 x 15	24.45	16.30
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700 x 16	6 Ply	21.45	900 x 20	12 Ply	81.45
700 x 17	6 Ply	26.85	1000 x 20	12 Ply	88.28
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# READERS' FORUM



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I want to take this time to express my sincere thanks to you for sending me the Crusader.

I understand that the American Legion makes it possible for me to receive this paper and I want to take the time now to express my sincere thanks to both the Staff of the Crusader and the American Legion. Both have been very good to me and I will never forget just how happy you have made me by sending the paper as it is the only way I can keep in touch with what is going on in the town.

I would like to give you my new change of address now so that I will not have to go without any of the copies. I want to thank Mr. Harper for submitting my name in order to receive the paper.

My new address is:  
Pvt. Robert J. Woods, U.S. 51,041,  
364, Hq. Btry. 60th F.A. BTN.  
9th Inf. Div., Fort Dix, N.J.

Due to the fact that I got the highest mark in our battery made up of 200 men and was chosen for Mechanics School as a result, my work will be mainly on jeeps and trucks. The course is a ten week course.

Thank you Gentlemen  
Robert J. Woods

## THOSE AMAZING SKATERS LETTER TO THE EDITOR

About six years ago following a complete family victory of the Backmans at the Boston Garden rink, I went before the Board of Selectmen and urged the members to consider the idea of some act of public recognition of this remarkable family, their accomplishments and their influence upon the youth of the town. No action was taken.

Three years later Leon Backman returned from Detroit with the title of North American Speed Skating Champion in his class. With the help of the clergy, the Fire and Police Chiefs, Mr. Kambour and George Spanos, I organized a hurried welcome for the boy on his return and immediately of 26 local organizations to decide thereafter called together the heads what we, the people of Wilmington, could attempt to show our appreciation. It fizzled out after two meetings and we were lucky to get enough money to present the young champion with a baseball outfit.

Now, as the Crusader goes to press the thrilling news is at hand that lovely Janet Backman has just been crowned Womens' Sen-

ior Champion of all North America and that Leon has won 2nd in the mile, also that Jean Ashworth, probably one of the greatest girl skaters in the world has triumphed in the 220 and 880. Only three weeks ago these same kids cleaned up over a dozen cups and medals at St. John, N.B., where the competition is always about the toughest on earth.

At least 20 other local children, spark-plugged by the two families of champions, have made excellent showings at many meets. The Backman family aided by just a handful of loyal neighbors has constructed one of the finest ice rinks in the country. The bulldozer alone on this job cost \$100 per day and this expense plus the cost of sending the young people to St. John, Detroit, Springfield and many other places has been borne entirely by the families involved.

Will you agree with me now Mr. Editor that the time for action has arrived? Some real supportive act of appreciation? Is it right that these children who have given Wilmington \$100,000.00 worth of excellent publicity and our only champions in 200 years of history, should have to sit cramped up in an automobile or a day coach for 15 to 20 hours in order to bring honors to our town? Why cannot a fund be raised to assure them of Air transportation to all races in future? Or shall we demand that they wait until they become champions of the world? This writer cannot help wondering what Billerica, Chelmsford, Danvers or Peabody would do about these wonderful kids if they owned them instead of Wilmington.

Very truly yours,  
Irving Appleby.

I hope the owners will give you space for every word of this letter.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

March 27, 1952

Dear Sir:

I am an avid reader of your paper, from stem to stern, and sometimes I agree with you and sometimes I do not. That is to be expected—but mostly we agree.

One of your policies, of reporting everything, especially administrations of the various departments of the Town, is quite commendable. As a matter of fact, I commendate with you when you get the "closed door" policy in your face, especially from the school committee. Now we can appreciate the fact that every department which holds weekly, bi-monthly, monthly or even annual meetings cannot and do not wish to hold a miniature town meeting; nevertheless, a neutral reporter, preferably from a non-biased newspaper, is essential. The schools have a large budget which should be spent very judiciously, but more important than any kind of budget is their attitude

towards the growth and expansion of the bodies and minds of the student body. The children of today are our future adults and warped and unlearned minds have no place in our future generations.

The School Department cannot and must not succumb to every new crack-pot idea that comes along, no matter who vouches for the theory, nor should they be stick-in-the-mud minds with antiquated ideas, merely because their budget is huge and by good faith of the people not cut down or criticized more sharply.

Therefore, I do appreciate your campaign to report the various minutes of the meetings of the various "public" (?) officials and hope that the wedge of entry you have now established won't be revoked.

However, the real reason I'm writing this letter to you is your mention in yesterday's issue about the Town Report. Now, I'm for economy and more of it. There is entirely too much of the attitude by everyone of "living today for tomorrow we die," etc.

But that Town Report was a very sad affair.

The pictures are good—they brightened up the Report. Maybe some of the school children might or might not read the Report because of them and thereby become more interested citizens of the Town; but if it is economical for the Town to save a dollar by eliminating the names of the people who wrote the various reports and thereby saving an extra page of the book, then the book can well do without the spacetaking pictures and instead print the names. Also, the back-handed withdrawal of pertinent information by the statements "Space does not permit me..." is quite another matter to the taxpayer. There was plenty of space without pictures and reams of information could have been printed instead.

Warrants may seem superfluous to outsiders and the T.M. but the warrants and action taken ought to be reported. The Town Clerks report should be comprehensive, to say the least (no reflection, absolutely, on the hardworking woman, who because of her day by day duties, should more than any other official in the town, have an assistant, exclusive of everyone else!).

In the Public Library (a disgrace to this Town—a good editorial point for you some time when you're in a campaigning mood) there should be a file of Town Reports which include everything for the year in each volume for historical reference and for reference which is accessible to everyone without hiring a corps of detectives or going to the State House for official permission and red tape to examine some particular statement of account stowed away and long forgotten in the Town vaults.

In the next place, the reports of the various heads of Departments should be annually expanded and reported of the funds available, prospective funds, etc., and the reports should tell of the trials and tribulations of that particular department, what was done, what should have been done but was not and why, and what could be done if more men and money were available. In that way, the voters at Town Meeting would have a more intelligent approach to the pertinent article in the Warrant instead of being swayed by their emotions. (As you pointed out last week—the people are kicking over the traces and letting emotion or just plain stubbornness and perverseness vote against certain recommendations merely because of the "closed door policy" and not enough comprehensive reports saying in effect that what the voters "don't know won't hurt them.")

There should be no necessity to the taxpayer and voter to sit down and cross-reference and index the Annual Town Report before he can read the Report intelligently. In other words, while the Town Accountant's report is excellent, each individual report of the various departments should also contain a statement of account pertinent to that department, then and



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there in that report of all moneys involved for the year.

I didn't mean to write you such a long letter, especially as I do not wish it published over my name, but you have my permission to quote all or part of it anonymously, or for use privately in the event you wish to make a point that at least one other citizen does or does not think thus and so.

However, I do think that if space permits in your paper, (instead of using sometimes so much "filler") then you might ask for the opinions of other townspeople so that the Annual Town Report will not be botched up again.

Furthermore, I'm serious about asking you to see if something couldn't be done about the Library. Have you seen the empty shelves? It should be opened on all days after school or when school is not in session, except on Sunday. Every year so many sets of books are discarded because parts (not enough for each child in a room) are ruined. Those books should be available in a library for all children in the town as supplementary reading for pleasure or otherwise, i.e. in case a child is backward in reading. It would seem to a casual observer that most of the books in the Library for the elementary children are either picture books or else a book which must be read to them. Some Junior High students are more advanced than even seniors in High School. They can't get books at the Library because there either is none suitable or else they are cached away in the High School. True, the Library building is small, but I should say about 1/2 the books there are trash, and inasmuch as the Town seems to be slated for a small Library, I think it should be a good educational one. However, I am only a casual observer of the Library, and a more thorough investigation of it should be made.

Again, let me apologize for the long letter, but I can get wound up on any educational matter, because I never seemed to get half enough of it and hate to think that even one student graduating didn't get the most or the best that was possible to give him.

And not as an afterthought, by any means, since your paper has

been publishing, I do think you all are doing a really good job, and wish you the best of luck to your continuance of it.

Very truly yours,  
(Name withheld by request)

P.S. Your paper is a "Crusader"—Well, let's get a little more crusading done. We have the makings of a darn good Town.—Don't you think?

## Editors Note

Your Editor appreciates a frank and thoughtful letter of this kind. In fairness to the School Committee, let it be said that that organization and your editor have never had any trouble. The law specifically states that school committee meetings are open to the public, and the word public includes newspaper reporters. The Wilmington School Committee has never attempted to bar this reporter, in fact relations are very cordial. While we are talking about the public at School Committee meetings, we should add that the right to attend is not the right to participate.

The writer stated that at times he does not agree with your editor, and, conversely, your editor must state that at times he does not agree with this particular writer, but, he welcomes the letter for what it is evidently intended—fine constructive criticism.

As far as the "filler" goes, well, your editor doesn't like it either, but he sometimes has no choice. We always welcome letters, and we

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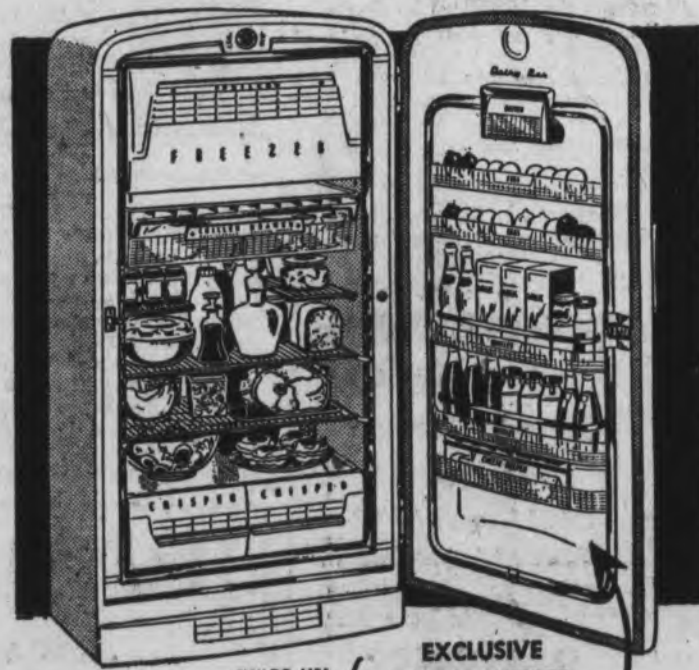
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## • TOWN NOTES •

### WEATHER

The week was dry, that is most of it. A dry week, in Springtime for Wilmington comes under the heading of a blessing. Backyard gardens get a chance to dry up, so that our amateur farmers can get going with shovel and hoe. Our overflowing brooks subside, and even the Ipswich, down in the Hundred Acre Meadow, begins to pull back some of its longest tentacles, which have been flooding the countryside.

There was .23 inches of rain on March 23rd, and on the 24th there was .06 inches, mixed rain, snow and hail.

### ILLNESS

The sunlight which has blessed this town in the last week has also brought another blessing. Not so many persons are ill. Things are definitely looking up.

### THE GOLDEN PEA SPOON

We are always interested in finding out who gets the first peas, front his backyard garden each year. It is a tradition in New England that on Bunker Hill Day, a family is supposed to eat a salmon, caught by someone in the family, and peas, out of the backyard garden. Not too many salmon are caught these days, especially in Massachusetts, but there are still plenty of gardeners who can qualify, on the peas.

Last year, we awarded a Golden Pea Spoon to Mrs. Stanley Delaronde, of Mystic Avenue, North Wilmington, for having the first peas in town. Who will get it this year?

### HIS NAME MIGHT BE JOE

A resident of the Federal Gardens section had something to think about, last Friday.

1. A taxi came up to his house. The driver insisted that he had been called, from that house.

2. An undertaker called, to make professional arrangements. He was told, he believed, by one of Wilmington's physicians, that the man

of the house was in need of a little "laying out."

3. A delivery man came, with a case of beer, from one of Wilmington's liquor stores. The only trouble was that the case was C.O.D.

Our friend thinks that he will find out who was behind it all.

### THEY ARE CUTTING DOWN THE OLD OAK TREES

The earliest settler in North Wilmington was Richard Harnden, who dwelled at the present site of 67 High Street, perhaps as early as 1665. He had a large farm, and his descendent were farmers in this region for many years afterwards.

Another early settler was Cadawallader Ford, who built the house now occupied by Caleb Harriman.

We believe that all the land in the area, bounded by High Street, Woburn Street, Salem Street and Middlesex Avenue, was part of the Harnden farm, although there is a possibility that some of it may have been owned by Cadawallader Ford. A large portion of this tract was actively farmed, many years ago as can be proved by the stone walls that cut up these 75 acres into several "fields."

Part of this land, at the turn of the century, was owned by Judge Emmons, while another part was owned by the Sidelinker family. Some parts were owned by other families, among which we can include the Durkee and the Hathaway family.

A good portion of the center of that tract is now owned by Earl Hamilton, and that gentleman is planning a real estate development. He has sold the right to cut some trees, to the La Dow Greenhouse Company, and Walter La Dow is cutting some of the magnificent Black Oaks, growing in these fields of long ago, and taking them away to his mill.

Walter says that there are too many knots in this oak, for flooring, and that he will probably mill it into lumber for furniture.

We know that it is progress, but we hate to see those Oaks go.

### FORREST DAME'S GARAGE

Between being sick, and being too busy, your editor has forgotten to mention a few things, and one of these things is Forrest Dame's Garage.

Forrest, who had been operating the garage in the back of Louie's has now branched out, and has a place of his own. His new garage is across the street, in the "Cement Block" building. He seems to be doing quite well, in his new location.

### CPL. JOHN CARTER

Another thing that really slipped was getting the paper to Cpl. John Carter, of Railroad Avenue. After John came back from Korea, we stopped sending the Crusader for a few weeks, and since he has his new address we have simply slipped, in getting him his paper. Anyway, John is now at Box 254, North Truro, Mass., with the Air Force, and he is due to get all of last month's Crusaders, thanks to the American Legion.

### C.H. BUCK'S NEW TRUCK

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Charley, we are told, can trace his ancestry back to the first Buck who settled in Wilmington, way back when, and in a direct line, too.

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## NEW YORK TIMES

(Sunday Edition)  
Those of Wilmington's citizens  
who buy the Sunday Edition of  
the New York Times didn't get  
the latest news, this time. The  
paper evidently went to press be-  
fore President Truman finished  
his Saturday night speech, for, al-  
though that paper reported how the  
President called the Republicans  
Dinosaurs, it did not say anything  
about how the President announced  
that he would not be a candi-  
date for re-election. A sub-head  
stated, "SILENT ON OWN  
ROLE".

## THE ELECTRICAL SUB-STATION TO BE INSTALLED IN JULY

The Sub-Station, which is to be  
installed on Wildwood Street by  
the Reading Municipal Light De-  
partment, will be ready in July,  
Dean Cushing, T.M. of Wilmington  
was advised, in a letter which he  
received Monday from A.J. Skina,  
Chairman of the Construction Ex-  
pedition Branch, Defense Power  
Administration, Department of the  
Interior.

The Unit, which will provide  
3000 KVA is being installed to pro-  
vide more power for Wilmington,  
power needed to accommodate the  
growing population and industries.  
Originally slated to be finished  
next November, the work has been  
speeded, and the unit is now pro-  
mised for July delivery, principally  
due to the efforts of Dean Cush-  
ing, Town Manager of Wilming-  
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## For Whom Sex Is Everything by Bishop Fulton Sheen.

MODERN MAN thinks of sex  
as a medium of pleasure to such  
a degree that it has become an  
obsession.

Just as a singer could go crazy  
by concentrating on his thorax  
instead of his song, and an or-  
chestra conductor could become  
neurotic by concentrating on his  
baton instead of his score, so  
modern man can go crazy think-  
ing about sex instead of about  
life.

Sex in other ages was physical;  
it resulted in new life. Today,  
because it often thwarts life, it is  
also psychic.

There are three reasons for this  
over-emphasis on sex in our con-  
temporary civilization. The prin-  
cipal reason is loss of belief in  
God and the purpose of life. Man  
then tries to compensate for the  
meaninglessness of life by the  
intensity of a momentary experi-  
ence. Sexuality becomes an  
ersatz and a substitute for love.

BECAUSE MAN cannot live in  
a vacuum, his starved soul  
pounces on the body as its god.  
It is no wonder that alcoholism,  
sleeping tablets, and frustration  
follow in the wake of those for  
whom sex is everything.

A second reason is a desire to  
escape from the responsibility  
and the unbearable reprieve of  
an uneasy conscience. By con-  
centration upon the unconscious,  
the animal, and primitive, and by  
stupidly calling God a projection

of a father-complex, some feel  
that they can no longer be held  
responsible for their evil deeds.

Once God is denied, then  
everything is permissible. That  
is why an age of carnal license  
is always an age of political an-  
archy. Freud becomes the in-  
spiration of chaos in the flesh as  
Marx becomes the inspiration of  
chaos in society. It is interest-  
ing how much the followers of  
the one are the followers of the  
other.

A THIRD REASON is denial of  
immortality. When men believe  
in immortality, they seek not  
only the continuance of their  
spirit in eternity, but also the  
continuance of their flesh in time,  
by the creation of families which  
meet the challenge of death. The  
denial of immortality gives  
death a double mastery: death of  
the soul, because no future life,  
and death of the body, be-  
cause no family.

Like beasts trapped, not in  
cages, but in time, those who  
deny the spirit become furious  
with time for passing, because it  
diminishes their pleasures. Noth-  
ing irritates them more than to  
remind them of their age. But  
since they cannot escape it, the  
fear of death grows apace.

IT IS THEN, no accident that  
the present age which has over-  
emphasized sex lives in constant  
fear of death.

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#### EDDIE MANNING ACCEPTS DEFENSE MOBILIZATION APPOINTMENT

Mr. Edward C. Manning, of Middlesex Avenue, has accepted an appointment as Community Forum representative, for the Office of Defense Mobilization, Washington, D.C.

In a letter from the President's Office, signed by Horace E. Loomis, assistant to Charles E. Wilson, Mr. Manning was asked to take this

position because of the service that he can render to his country.

Mr. Manning, an outstanding leader, has accepted, stating that he realizes that the need for the public to understand and know of our defense efforts is of national importance, and that he will endeavor to do that which he can, in this direction.

#### MR. MANNING'S STATEMENT In accepting this responsibility

and in order to carry it out effectively, Mr. Manning stated that he intended to request a small group of leading citizens to join him in sponsoring the Community Forum Program. The names of this group will be announced shortly and the heads of all civic and social organizations which do not overlap will be contacted within a week with regard to cooperation of their groups in this plan to disseminate Defense Mobilization Information.

#### CONGREGATIONAL

The monthly meeting of the Church Cabinet will be held at the parsonage on Thursday at 8 p.m.

The annual Spring Sale of the Center Branch will take place at the home of Miss Louise Hosmer, on Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. Home cooked foods, aprons and fancy articles will be offered for sale.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new parish house will be held next Sunday following the morning service, as indicated elsewhere

in this issue.

The monthly meeting of the Church Finance Committee will be held next Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the home of Hayward Bliss.

#### CAROL CHAPMAN IN HOSPITAL

Carol Chapman of Aldrich Road, is a patient in the Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston.

#### A.L. AUXILIARY CHOW NIGHT

A Chow Night is being planned by the Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary, to be held at the Legion Hall, on April 16th, at 7 p.m. The dinner will be chicken cacciatore, with Rocco's as caterers. Because the caterer has to be warned of the number expected, ahead of time, the committee in charge, headed by Mrs. A. G. Moore of Oakdale Avenue, is asking that returns be in by April 9th. There will be entertainment, and food sales after the dinner.

#### LARCENY OF CAR PARTS

John Conti, of Magazine Street, reported to the police that a parking light, windshield wiper and rear view mirror were stolen from his car, on March 26th.

#### TOWN OF WILMINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee of the Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, solicits bids for the transportation of school children. Information concerning numbers of vehicles and their type, number of children to be transported, mileage, etc., may be secured from the offices of the School Committee, 159 Church Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts.

Sealed bids must be presented to the Secretary of the School Committee, Mr. Warren G. Willis, no later than 5:00 p.m., April 17, 1952.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or parts thereof.

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